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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/06

SPONSOR Garcia, M. P. LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 761

SHORT TITLE Bernalillo Drug Prevention and Enforcement SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Peery

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$35.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)  
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

#### No Response Received From

NM Association of Counties

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 761 appropriates \$35.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for drug prevention and enforcement in the south valley of Bernalillo County.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$35.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS reports the State Police division is currently 71 officers short of its allotted strength. DPS states many of these positions are being absorbed within the Narcotics Bureau. DPS reports it would be very difficult to initiate a new initiative within Bernalillo County at this time. DPS

states because of the resources currently available within Bernalillo County and the lack of resources in the surrounding counties, the State Police Albuquerque office is focusing its enforcement efforts in Valencia, Sandoval and Torrance county areas.

**OTHER SUPSTANTIVE ISSUES**

AOC states untreated and inadequately treated substance abusers are likely at some point to run afoul of the law. AOC states these occurrences increase the risk to the community and perpetuates chronic re-entry into the criminal justice system.

**ALTERNATIVES**

DPS states an alternative to the proposed legislation would be to provide the appropriation to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to be used by the Albuquerque Police Department or the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department.

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